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—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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The National Arch.

The plans of the National Arch have been prepared and approved and the site selected and work will soon be begun on this magnificent monument. To the Hon. Irving P. Wanger the lovers of Valley Forge and all it stands for are indebted for this addition to the Park. Mr. Wanger's retirement from Congress is in reality a triumph, for after long years of labor and expense his purpose to secure the interest of Congress in Valley Forge has been attained. He has worked with intelligence and enthusiasm, inspired by the truest patriotism, and his efforts have been crowned with success.

The Massachusetts Monument.

General Philip Reade, representing the Commission appointed by the State of Massachusetts to erect a monument to the Massachusetts men at Valley Forge, recently visited the Park and in company with Mr. Samuel F. Hartranft and Mr. W. H. Bowen, selected the site. It is proposed to dedicate the monument on Evacuation Day.

The History of North America.

The Washington Memorial edition of the History of North America has been placed on sale, and five sets have been sold. The publishers, George Barrie & Sons, have paid to the Rev. W. Herbert Burk the sum of fifty dollars as a result of these sales, the purchasers have received the beautifully engraved Founders' certificates, signed by Mr. Burk and sealed with the seal of the corporation. The money has been deposited in the Western Saving Fund Society, of Philadelphia, as the first of the endowment for the Washington Memorial Library at Valley Forge. From time to time the names of the purchasers of the Washington Memorial Edition will be published in these columns as a part of the history of the development and growth of this work at Valley Forge.

The history is published along the lines of a plan suggested by a special committee of the American Historical Association, by twenty distinguished scholars, assisted by a board of forty college presidents, forty professors and many men of affairs, with Guy Carleton Lee, Ph. D., of Johns Hopkins University, and Francis Newton Thorpe, Ph. D., of the University of Pennsylvania, as the editors-in-chief.

Dr. Draper, of the New York State Board of Education, says of the work: "The wealth of material is great, and it has unquestionably been selected and arranged with sound discrimination. The illustrations are almost unapproached in historical works, and the paper and press work are all that may be desired." The American Historical Magazine declares that "this great and magnificent work" is "unprecedented for dignity, scope, thoroughness, impartiality and comprehensive scholarship and ability."

These twenty volumes are a library in themselves, and must be a never-ending font of information and inspiration to the owner. Without them the largest library is incomplete and with them the smallest library is given a comprehensiveness which it otherwise would lack.

A set of the books has been placed on exhibition at the entrance of the Valley Forge Museum that visitors may see this noble history.

The Mary Elizabeth Schofield "In Memoriam" Collection.

[Continued.]

4. Penn, William. A. D. S. folio. Prayer of Richard Orme to have one hundred and fifty acres of land conveyed to him as he had difficulty in having the same confirmed. Postscript by Penn, ordering a confirmation of the same.

To William Penn Proprietor and Governor of Pennsilvania & c.

The Request of Richard Orme Showeth That he bought of Thomas Wynne One hundred and fifty acres of Land, first purchase, and having it laid out this 15 or 16 years ago, being in or near thy daughter Letitias Mannory could not obtain it Confirmed, And I being a poor man having many children and having but one hundred acres of land, purchased by my wife's Relatives, being Some of the furthest Settlers which I have with difficulty Settled, and having formerly Spoke to thy Self concerning it,

Therefore I entreat thee ones more that I may have a Confirmation upon the said land.

Richard Orme.

Let Richard Orme have the Lands he pretends to upon Reasonable terms and Let him have a warrt for one hundred & fifty acres of Land In Right of Thomas Winne Purchased If he cannot be there Accomodated to his content let him assign his Right to the Sd 150 acres to my daughter & pay the ———— for that which is in her mannory.

Wm. Penn.

To my Daughters Attorney
for the first
&
to my Commissioners of
Property In the last Case.

5. Perry, M. C. L. S. 4to. Vera Cruz, May 3, 1848.

U. S. Flag Ship "Cumberland."
Vera Cruz, 3 May, 1848.

Sir,

I enclose, herewith, an extract of a letter from Commander Henry Pinkney, Commanding the Naval Station at Truxpon, respecting the case of Patrick Cronan, a private of one of the Pennsylvania Regiments of Volunteers. Said Cronan will be delivered into the custody of any one sent to this Ship who may be authorized to receive him, or, if you desire it, he will be delivered to the Commandant of the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa.

I am, with great respect, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
M. C. Perry,
Commanding Home Squadron.

Brigadier General
S. W. Kearny
U. S. Army
Governor of Vera Cruz.

6. Richardson Joseph. (The first Philadelphia silversmith.) A. D. S. oblong 4 to Feb. 3, 1735.

7. Steele, James. Autograph Diary, 3 page, 8vo., containing a survey of the road from Philadelphia to Frankford, and from thence to Potquesen, and also a diary of his expenses on a journey from Philadelphia to New York, in 1736.

Bill against James Steele for making certain articles of silver.

[To be continued.]

The Washington Memorial Library.

The following additions have been made to the Washington Memorial Library: "The | Rural Christinan. | To which are added, | Sylvan Letters; | or the Pleasures of a | Country Life. | A new edition, Enlarged. | By G. Wright, Esq. | London: 1776." The gift of Miss S. R. Borton.

"The Holy Bible: etc. with Marginal Notes and References, | to which are added, | an Index; | an Alphabetical Table | of all the Names in the Old and New Testaments, with their Significations; | and Tables of Scripture Weights, Measures and Coins. Philadelphia. 1813." The Gift of Mrs. Colket Walker.

"The Philadelphia Inquirer | Philadelphia, 1830." Parts of Vol. 1. The Gift of Mrs. Colket Walker.

"George Washington | by Worthington Chauncey Ford | Paris and New York, | 1900." Two volumes, bound in blue Morocco. No. 202 of the Memorial Edition. The Gift of a Friend of the Chapel.

The Washington Memorial Cemetery.

Three lots in the cemetery were sold on Washington's Birthday, the first day lots were placed on sale. This was most encouraging to the Vestry, as it showed what the possibilities are in this part of our work. To secure $600 in one day was good, but since the twenty-second several applications have been received for lots at $200 and $100 each, some from Philadelphia. The purchasers want to see the location of the lots, and the next work of the Vestry must be to survey and locate the main drive and the lots now offered for sale. These will be in one of the best sections of the cemetery, and the price of lots in this section will be advanced as soon as the sales amount to $5,000. The choice of lots will be in the order of the applications received. As stated in our last issue lots may be purchased by the payment of five dollars monthly.

Miss S. R. Borton has given the following pieces of State Bank currency: State Bank at Trenton, N. J., one dollar, series A, No. 4750; series A2, 2436; series B, 525; series B2, 1284 and 2822. The first is 1824; the others, 1825. Two dollars, series C2, 2546. Three dollars, series D, 6889. Five dollars, series A, 1759. Also the Philadelphia Bank, 1857, series D, 345, and the Susquehanna Bank, 1845, series B, 6314.

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Sundays.

10.45 A. M. Service and Sermon.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Holy Communion, First Sunday.

At Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia.

9 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

7.30 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

MARCH.

17. 8 P. M. Service, sermon and Confirmation.
19. Third Sunday in Lent.
23. 4 P. M. Service and Sermon, King of Prussia.
24. 8 P. M. Cottage Service, Valley Forge Village.
25. 3 P. M. Service and Sermon.
26 Fourth Sunday in Lent. 10.45 P. M Service, Sermon and Holy Communion. Reunion of the Confirmation Classes.
30. 4 P. M. Service and Sermon, King-of-Prussia.
31. 8 P. M. Cottage Service, Valley Forge Village.

APRIL.

1. 3 P. M. Service and Sermon.
2. Fifth Sunday in Lent.
5. 2.30 P. M. Guild Meeting.
6. 4 P. M. Service and Sermon, King-of-Prussia.
7. 8 P. M. Cottage Service, Valley Forge Village.
8. 3 P. M. Service and Sermon.
9. Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)
10. Monday before Easter, 3 P. M. Service and Sermon.
11. Tuesday before Easter. 3 P. M. Service and Sermon.
12. Wednesday before Easter. 3 P. M. Service and Sermon.
13. Thursday before Easter. 4 P. M. Service and Sermon, King-of-Prussia.
    Thursday before Easter. 8 P. M. Holy Communion and Sermon.
14. Good Friday. 10 A. M. Service, sermon and Holy Communion.
    Good Friday. 8 P. M. Cottage Service, Valley Forge Village.
15. Easter Even. 3 P. M. Service and Sermon.
16. Easter Day.
    6 A. M. Morning Prayer and Address.
    9 A. M. Sunday School, King-of-Prussia.
    10.45 A. M. Holy Communion and Sermon.
    2.30 P. M. Sunday school.
    3.45 P. M. Sunday school Festival.
    7.30 P. M. Sunday school Festival, King-of-Prussia.

BAPTISMS.

March 12. Clara Rambo Williams.

COMMUNICANTS.

February 19. Added by transfer, Emma S. Hibbs (Mrs.) and Mary M. Hibbs.

The establishment of evening services at King of Prussia and in the village of Valley Forge has met with hearty approval. The Trustees of Stewart Fund Hall have courteously given us the use of the Hall for the Sunday evening services, and Mrs. Robert Wood has given us the use of her home for the Friday evening services. The success of these services depends on the members of the congregation, who should see to it that they are well attended. Indifference will be the destruction of the good work thus begun.

The Washington Birthday supper was admirably managed, but the receipts were less than usual as the attendance was smaller than on previous occasions. However, what was lacking in numbers was made up in good fellowship.

The Rector is at work preparing the class for Confirmation. This will take place on the evening of March 17th.

The Rector's Lenten engagements outside the parish include the following: St. Philip's Church and the Church of the Resurrection, Philadelphia; St. Mary's Church, Reading; Trinity Church, Pottsville; Christ Church, Bridgeport; St. John's Church, Salem, N. J.; St. Mary's Church, Burlington, N. J.; The Church of the Good Shepherd, Pitman Grove, N. J.; and St. Martin's Church, Radnor. The Rector has also been invited to deliver several addresses on Sunday school work at the Sunday School Institute of the Diocese of Louisiana in New Orleans on April 30, May 1 and 2.

The Rev. Edward R. Noble has succeeded the Rev. Mr. Burk as rector of All Saints' Church, our mother parish, and entered upon his duties on Ash Wednesday. An informal reception was given the rector and his wife on the evening of March 7. Among those present were the Rev. Thomas J. Garland, Secretary of the Diocese; the Rev. W. W. Taylor and the Rev. W. Herbert Burk. Mr. Burk, as Dean of the Convocation, made an address, welcoming the new rector to the Convocation, and Mr. Noble responded in a happy vein. All present joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Noble great success and happiness in their new parish.

The Sunday schools are working hard to secure the stereopticons needed for the illustrated lessons which the Rector will give during the sessions of the schools. At this writing each school has over ten dollars in the treasury, and will be glad for assistance from their friends. At least eighty dollars will be required to properly equip the two schools for this important educational work in which Mr. Burk has had considerable experience.

Mr. Stan. V. Henkels, of Philadelphia, has given an autograph presentation set of Bradford's Bibliographer's Manual in five volumes. The following is the correct title of this invaluable work: The | Biblographer's Manual | of | American History | containing An Account of all State, Territory, Town and County | Histories Relating to the United States of North | America, with Verbatim Copies of their Titles | and useful Bibliographical Notes. together | with the Prices at which they have | been sold for the last forty years | and with | An Exhaustive Index of Titles, and an Index by States; | the whole forming an Invaluable Reference for | the use of the Librarian, the Historian, | the Collector, and the Bookseller. | Compiled by | Thomas Lindsley Bradford, M. D. | Author of the Homeopathic Bibliography, | Life of Hahnemann, etc., etc. | Edited and Revised | By Stan. V. Henkels | Philadelphia: | Stan. V. Henkels & Co. | 1910.

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History of the Valley Forge.

BY HENRY WOODMAN.

LETTER XI.

[Norristown Herald and Free Press, Aug. 1, 1850.]

Having in my last given a description of the huts that were hastily erected for a temporary shelter for the soldiers during the winter, I may now observe that when finished they collected leaves, dead grass, straw, hay, and other materials into their huts, to lie upon; and each one having a blanket and knapsack, and seven of them occupying one hut, used their knapsacks for pillows, and their blankets for bed clothes to cover themselves, but they found food and clothing not so easily to be obtained—and for want of the latter they often suffered. In a former letter I mentioned that the quarters of the general officers had been designated by some of the subordinate ones, who preceded the main body of the army on the morning of their arrival; they were at the following places:

The headquarters of Gen. Washington was at the house of a minister of the Society of Friends, named Isaac Potts, at the chief mansion at the Valley Forge—at that time the largest house in the vicinity, and best calculated for headquarters. At the house of David Stephens, it being the next one below on the Schuylkill, General Varnum was quartered. Proceeding on to the next one, then occupied by Zachary Davis, and belonging to David Stephens, General Huntingdon was quartered. At the next one on the river, then owned by William Smith, first provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and occupied at the time by a man named Henry Forge, the provost guard was stationed; and the officers having charge of it were quartered at the house. The next one on the river was then occupied by a man named Michael Shur; he used to boast of having had the command of the second regiment, quartered at his house; but who the commander was, or to what brigade he belonged, fame has not informed us. I am not certain that any other officers were quartered at any of the houses any lower down the river. I shall now leave the course of it, and proceed to the house of John Moore, at the Northeast extremity of the encampment—General Muhlenberg was quartered at the house of Mordecai Moore, which was the next one above the Great Valley. Gen. Morgan, when not engaged with his rangers on the outposts, was quartered; and also the Commissary General of the army; at the house of my grandfather (Abijah Stephens), it being the next adjoining farm, and the place of my nativity. On the South Eastern boundary, General Wheedon was quartered for a short time. General Mifflin had his quarters at William Godfrey's; Gen. Green, at Isaac Walker's; Gen. Sullivan at Thomas Walters; Gen. Poor, at Benjamin Jones's; Gen. Potter, at Jacob Walker's; and Gen. Wayne, at the house of Joseph Walker, these constituting all the farms and houses at that time lying in the Valley in Chester county, on the southeastern and south sides of the encampment—except one at that time belonging to a German named John Beaver, at whose house, I have always understood, that no officers were quartered. On the southwestern extremity, I have always understood that the following officers were quartered: General Knox, at the house of John Havard; and Gen. Maxwell, at the house of John Brown; and on the west side of the Valley Creek, at Valley Forge, Gen. McIntosh was quartered at the house of a respectable colored person, named Joseph Mann. I have now in my account travelled round the encampment ground, and come back to the headquarters. I may just observe in this place, that at the time just alluded to, there were no dwelling houses in the limits of the ground, occupied by the main body of the army. Lafayette did not arrive here until some time after the army had encamped at the place. He

came in company with DeKalb, Pulaski, Steuben, Kosciusko, Duloyson, and other distinguished foreigners, who joined our army—of some of whom, and their quarters, some notice wil be taken in some of my future letters.

In addition to these, whose quarters have been mentioned, there were several officers of rank; but where they had their quarters I cannot say with certainty, but conclude the most of them lived during the time in huts; and I well remember my father showing me the foundation of large huts, and telling me they were occupied by officers during the time of the encampment; and on one occasion he pointed out the one that had been occupied by General Lee. This was on the Valley Forge estate, on the north side of the rear line Hill.—Among those that have not been noticed, were Generals Conway, Smallwood, Armstrong, Furman, MacDougal and many others not now recollected, the most of whom lived in the camp at the time. I have heard it mentioned by persons living at the time, that some officers were quartered at the houses of Samuel Jones and Samuel Richards, in the Great Valley, immediately above Joseph Walker's; but not having availed myself of proper information on the subject, I cannot say who they were. I should not suppose that any officers were quartered higher up the valley than the latter place, as that was beyond the farthest extent of the picket guards in a southerly direction. I am further confirmed in this opinion from a circumstance mentioned to me by John Davis, one of the Associate Judges of the county of Chester, and who was at the time of the encampment at the Valley Forge, a captain in the regular army, and whose residence was on the Valley Creek, not more than four miles from the Valley Forge, where he was stationed. He informed me, a short time previous to his being deprived of the use of speech, by paralysis, that during the whole period they were there, he was so constantly engaged that he was home but twice during the time. While engaged in the service, he kept a journal of many of the occurrences of the camp—a part of which was published in 1823, in the Village Record, a paper published at West Chester at that time, by the Hon. Charles Miner, and continued in weekly numbers for several months; and I regret that I cannot now refer to it, not having preserved the numbers, as it contained much interesting information on the subject.

Having now got the troops in their huts, and the general officers in their quarters, it may be the proper place to mention the disposition of the army and the positions assigned them. After the fall of General Nash, who comanded the troops constituting Washington's body or life guard, many of whom were slain in the battle of Germantown, the survivors of them were placed under the command of Gen. McIntosh, and as body guard to the commander-in-chief, were stationed on a hill a little east of headquarters. On the hill of the rear line, and on both sides of the Gulf road, and extending in a northeasterly direction, were stationed the brigades of Generals Conway, Maxwell, Huntingdon and Varnum, the latter being stationed on a hill near his quarters, where a redoubt was erected in order to command a view of the opposite side of the river. The site of this redoubt, which is so nearly destroyed as to leave but few traces of its existence remaining, was placed on an elevated point of land, from which an extensive view of both sides of the river could be secured, and so near the stream as to employ the artillery to check an attempt of the enemy to cross over near the place; but their use for the purpose was never required.

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A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK.

Printed by Courtesy of Its late Owner, Mr. George Clifford Thomas.

Head Quarters Valley Forge, Feby. 5th.
Major Geueral.....tomorrow.....Lord Sterling
Brigadier ....McIntosh
Field officers..... .....Colo. B gnear, Major Gilman
Brigade Major.....Claibone

In Congress, June 10th, 1777, Resolved that for the futer the Q. Master or other Person drawing Provision for any Reg Corps or detachment shall on the last day of every month make out an abstract of the No. of retained rations due to each officer respectively and allso the number of each part of a ration due to each regt. corps or detachment and deliver the same to the respective Issuing commissarys who shall compare it with his books and finding it right shall certify thereon the several charges in the abstract are Just and that such a sum as he shall find to be due shall be paid to the respecttive Pay Masters of the Regt. corps or detachment who shall annex the sd abstract to the Pay roll that the Pay M. or Dept. Pay Master General of the district may Pay and he is hereby required to pay such ration abstracts to the Regimental Pay M. who is directed to pay the respective officers and soldiers and take their receipts and when any Regt. Corps or detachment or Issuing Commissary is ordered to leave a post before the end of the month the ration abstracts shall be made up to the time of his or their leaving the post and coppyed by the commissary as before sd. It is expected that due attention will be paid to the foregoing resolve and no abstract for retained rations or back allowance be received or demed valid unless certifyd as specified therein.—

Head Quarters Valley Forge, Feby. 6, 1778
Major General...for tomorrow..... Baron de Kalb
Brigadier..... .....Maxwell
Field officers.....Lt. Colo. Bassett, Major Conway
Brigade Majr ....McCormick

A Captain 3 Subbs 4 Sergeants and 60 Privates to parad at 4 oclock this afternoon on the grand parade furnished with 2 days provision.

At a General Court martial whereof Colo. Clarke was president January 27th, 1778 Lt. William Williams of the 13th Virginia Regt. Tryd for repeatedly behaving unbecoming the character of an officer and gentleman 1st in buying a pair of continental shoes of a soldier and thereby rendering the soldier unfit for duty; 2ndly for messing and frequently sleeping with the soldiers taking their bread and not returning it by which the soldiers suffered with hunger acquitted of the charge of taking the soldiers bread and not returning it but found Guilty of behaving unbecoming the character of an officer and Gentleman as specified in the other charges, being a breach of the 21st Article 14th Section of the articles of war and sentenced to be dismissed from the service. The Commander in Chief approves the sentence & orders it to take place Immediately.

Head Quarters Valley Forge, Feby. 7th, 1788
Major Geoeral..... tomorrow.....Green
Brigadier..... ....Wieden
Field officers. .....Lt. Colo. Barber, Major Bincard
Brigade Major..... .....McGowin

The Brigade Majors of the day will in futur take the names of the officers who mount Guard the names of the guard they are appointed to command and the regiment to which they respectively belong Likewise the names of sergeants who are to attend as orderlys at the adjt. Generals Quarters & their Respective Regts who are regularly to be brought on the parade at Guard mounting their names to be delivered to the Adjt. Genls at orderly.

The next meeting of the Guild will be at Mrs. Chas. Wells Walker's, on Wednesday, April 5th, at 2.30 p. m. This is a most important meeting for the completion of the plans for reopening the Tea Room and it is hoped that a large number will be present.

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